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Dear Zoning Commission and Councilmembers:

I'm the mom of 3 kids under 5 and the host of a single basement apartment we rent on Airbnb, which is **vital** to our income as a family in this city.

PLEASE create regulations that allow DC residents like me to continue to share their home. We **seriously depend on the income we receive**. As a collective group of passionate hosts **we personally welcome millions of visitors to the nation's capital each year** and happily **drive significant profits to local, small businesses in the District**. We are a passionate group of ambassadors for this city!

Please **DON'T create regulations that drain millions from our city budget while stifling a modern and thriving part of the new economy**. Tourists now depend on home sharing - especially traveling families and women traveling alone who prefer to stay in an apartment like mine, where my family can take care of them in a way hotels can not. Preventing this important part of our local economy will do nothing to actually improve the affordable housing situation in this city. Please know that if Airbnb hosts are prevented from renting their properties via home sharing, they will only turn around and charge **the highest possible rent** they can to renters to replace the lost income. That situation is a lose-lose for DC and for visitors to the Nation's Capitol.

Please also support a "+1" rule for DC residents only that would allow people like me to operate one home share listing that is not in our own home without a yearly limit on days. It would make an enormous difference in our lives while also preventing out-of-town "home sharing sharks" from operating multiple listings in our neighborhoods - an occurrence which should absolutely be prevented.

Best,
Bridget Matzie